

## INTRODUCTION

The mission of the State Center for Health Statistics, Louisiana Office of Public Health, is to collect and distribute accurate, comprehensible information vital to informed decision making on matters concerning individual and community health. The goal of the *2001 Louisiana Vital Statistics Report* is to present and explain the health surveillance data collected on Louisiana's vital event certificates. We welcome your feedback on the usefulness and clarity of this report.

The *2001 Louisiana Vital Statistics Report* describes health status data collected on Louisiana's vital event certificates of Live Birth, Spontaneous Fetal Death (stillbirth), Induced Termination of Pregnancy (induced abortion), Death, Marriage, and Divorce. Data collected on these certificates are used to describe trends and current status in infant and maternal health and in the causes of death most prevalent in race, sex, and age groups. This basic surveillance of vital events is essential in identifying individual and community health concerns and in targeting and evaluating health education and service efforts.

This year's report contains eight chapters that describe vital event data and one chapter that presents supplemental information. The eight data chapters are "Summary of Vital Events", "Population", "Live Births", "Spontaneous Fetal Deaths", "Induced Terminations of Pregnancy", "Deaths", "Infant Mortality and Maternal Mortality", and "Marriage and Divorce". Each of these chapters contains text, tables, and charts describing state-level data. The report includes two attached diskettes containing tables specific to Louisiana's sixty-four parishes and nine Office of Public Health (OPH) administrative regions, respectively.

The eight data chapters are followed by an ancillary chapter entitled "Technical Notes," which identifies data sources, describes data processing methods and assumptions, and provides a glossary of technical terms. A final section presents facsimiles of various Certificates on which vital events are recorded for the State of Louisiana.



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